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TITLE: Method for performing a percutaneous diskectomy using a laser

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DEPR:

The means for inserting instrumentation necessary for percutaneous diskectomy

using a laser can be packaged in a kit and sold, for example, for single use or

multiple use. The <u>kit</u> may contain probe 100, straight cannula 104, curved

cannula 106, first introducer means 110, second introducer means 130, stylet

112, cannula 150 and tools such as a marking pen, <u>scalpel</u> with blade, measuring

scale and a locking stabilizer 105. The kit may contain all these items or

some of them. Furthermore, optical guiding means 116 and 132 may be included.

The laser system according to the preferred and exemplary embodiments may be supplied separately.